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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 4985**
Kazuo YOKOYAMA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2004_2026A
Serial No. 10/518,756 : Group Art Unit 3652
Filed December 21, 2004 : Examiner Paul T. Chin

MULTI-JOINT DRIVE MECHANISM AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREFOR,
AND GRASPING HAND AND ROBOT
USING THOSE

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450


Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of April 4, 2007, Applicants hereby elect Group I, which is drawn to a multi-joint mechanism and is embodied by claims 18-25 and 27-31. Accordingly, since Group I has been elected, Applicants further elect Species 1, which is illustrated in Figs. 1A-2D. Claims 18-20, 22 and 24 are readable on the elected species.

Having made the required election, a full examination on the merits of the elected group is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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